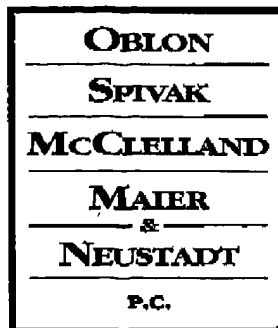


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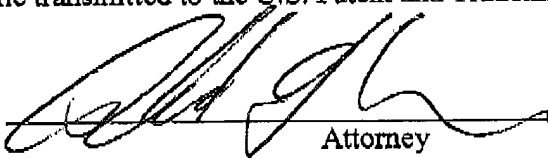
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Referring to the Restriction Requirement dated 4/21/2004 regarding the above-identified application, Claims 1-4 have been canceled and Claims 10-15 have been newly added by way of the Preliminary Amendment filed together with the application. Therefore, pursuant to our telephone communication of 5/10/2004, it is respectfully requested that this Office Action be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of currently pending Claims 5-15 be conducted. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

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